(f) to (h) Yes, Sir. Malnutrition has been responsible for 2 per cent of the blind cases. Vitamin 'A' droups/tablets supplemented by balanced diet can cover up malnutrition.

Irrational combination of drugs and Vacciness

1832. SHRI BHUBANESWAR KALITA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have set up a committee to examine the irrational combination of drugs and vaccines being marketed in the country;

(b) if so, who are members of the committee and what is the experience, knowledge and qualification of each;

(c) whether it is a fact that this committee takes the decision for the clearance of new drugs, combination of drugs and vaccines;

(d) if so, what is the number of combination of drugs, vaccines and new drugs cleared by this committee during the last two years along with composition of each;

(e) what are the names of combination of drugs, vaccines and new drugs allowed for marketing in the country without the clearance of this committee or by his Ministry;

(f) whether it is a fact that number of combination are being marketed in the country without the knowledge of Government;

(g) if so, the authority which granted such permission and whether they have complete set up for such clearance; and

(h) what is the set up each State Drug Authority has for clearance of combinations?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT AND THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The members of the committee including their designation and qualification are given in the annexure.

[*See* Appendix CXLII, Annexure No. 691].

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) The Committee of experts empowered to screen formulations, moving in the market from the angle of safty, efficacy and rationality is not responsible for clearance of new drugs.

(f) to (h) Since guidelines for the introduction of new drugs is not yet statutory, some of the State Drugs Controllers, who are the licensing Authorities for the manufacturing and sale of drugs have not considered combinations of known drugs as "news drugs" and have registered certain combinations in consultation with their respective screening committees consisting of physicians, pharmacologists/Clinical Pharmacologists without referring to Central Government.

Railway platform at Ballarpur and Chandrapur in Maharashtra

1833. SHRI NARESH C. PUGLIA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to extend railway platform at Mallarpur and Chandrapur in Maharashtra;

(b) if so, what are the details in this ragard; and

(c) by when the work is likely to be started?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) There is no station named as Ballarpur. Presumably the Hon'ble Member of Parliament refers to

Balharshah Station. There are no proposals for extension of railway platforms at Balharshah and Chandrapur at present.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

Import of Medicines

1834. SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what was the import of Diphetheria, Tetanus, Pertussis and Triple Antigen during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) whether it is a fact that the country has attained self-sufficiency in these items;

(c) if so, what are the names of the units which have been granted manufacturing licences under Drugs and Cosmetics Act to produce these items;

(d) whether it is a fact that indigenous production matches with international quality; and

(e) if so, what steps are being taken by Government to give encouragement to offer technology to needy countries?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT AND THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO): (a) There are no imports of Diphtheria, Tetanus Pertussis and Triple Antigen Vaccine into the country during the last 3 years.

(b) Self-sufficiency has been attained in respect of vaccine for Diphtheria, Tetanus and Pertussis required under the Extended Programmes for Immunisation.

(c) Manufacturing licences are granted by the State Drugs Control authorities. However, information available with this Ministry reveals that the following are the main producers of D. P. T vaccine in the country.

(1) The Central Research Institute, Kasauli.

(b) The Pasteur Institute of India.

(3) The Haffkine Bio-Pharmaceutical Company Ltd. Bombay.

(4) The Serum Institute of India, Poona.

(5) M/s. Biological E. Ltd., Hyderabad.

(6) M|s. Bengal Immunity Ltd., Calcutta

(7) Bio-vaccines, Hyderabad.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) No such proposal is under consideration at Present.

नई शिक्षा नीति के अधीन प्रौढ़ महिलाओं को शिक्षा

1835. **कुमारी सईदा खातून :** क्या मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या नई शिक्षा नीति के अधीन प्रौढ़ शिक्षा कार्यक्रम के अन्तर्गत प्रौढ़ महिलाओं को उन्हीं विषयों की शिक्षा दी जाएगी जो 10+2+3 योजना के अधीन 10वीं श्रेणी की नियमित छात्राओं को पढ़ाए जा रहे हैं ;

(ख) क्या प्रौढ़ महिलाओं को केवल चार विषयों की, जिनमें तीन विषय प्योर होम साइंस और एक विषय सामान्य भाषा है, शिक्षा देने का कोई उपबंध है ; और

(ग) क्या विज्ञान, गणित और अंग्रेजी जैसे विषय पढ़ाए जाने से प्रौढ़ शिक्षा कार्यक्रम से अच्छे परिणाम प्राप्त होंगे और क्या इन पाठ्यक्रमों को सरल बनाया जाएगा ताकि ये महिलाएं उनमें उत्तीर्ण हो सकें ?